

72 3. (Amended) A ball according to claim 1 wherein the spherical bodies comprise microspheres.

4. (Amended) A ball according to claim 1 wherein the spherical bodies comprise polymeric hollow microspheres.

5. (Amended) A ball according to claim 1 wherein the spherical bodies comprise acrylonitrile copolymer microspheres.

73 6. (Twice amended) A ball according to claim 1 wherein the matrix material is selected from the group consisting of polyurethane, polyurethane foam, polyvinyl chloride, and latex.

74 7. (Amended) A ball according to claim 1 in which the outer skin further comprises a second layer adjacent the first layer.

8. (Amended) A ball according to claim 7 wherein the second layer comprises an aliphatic material.

9. (Amended) A ball according to claim 7 further comprising a third layer adjacent the first layer.

75 11. (Thrice amended) A ball according to claim 1 wherein the matrix material is an adhesive.

76 24. (Amended) A ball according to claim 1, wherein the outer skin is formed from a plurality of cut pieces and the plurality of cut pieces are joined together.

77 26. (Amended) A ball according to claim 1, wherein the spherical bodies are not more than 20% by weight of the matrix material.

27. (Amended) A ball according to claim 1, wherein the spherical bodies are not less than 1% by weight of the matrix material.

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6-7, 9-12, and 24-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over International Patent Publication Number WO 95/09034 to Mills et al. (hereinafter "Mills") in view of United States Patent Number 4,154,789 to Delacoste (hereinafter